

The Daily Courant.

Saturday, July 17. 1708.

From the Paris Letter, dated July 16.

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THE King has not receiv'd any Letters from the Duke of Orleans since those dated the 27th of last Month. Private Letters from the Camp of his Royal Highness before Tortola, import, that the taking of that Place is retarded by the Difficulty of making Approaches; the Trenches and Parallels being made with Gabions and Earth brought from some Distance: That however the Besiegers had carry'd on their Works with so much Success, that they were within 3 or 4 Fathom of the Cover'd Way: That the Besieged made frequent Sallies to incommode the Workmen; but that the Duke of Orleans had given such good Orders, that they were always repuls'd with Loss. They write from Provence, that on Advice the Confederate Fleet were embarking on the Coast of Genoa, Troops, Provisions and Ammunition, the Count de Grignan Lieutenant-General and Commandant in Provence, had taken the necessary Precautions for the Security of the Coasts, and particularly for the Defence of Toulon and Marseilles. The Forces of the Duke of Savoy have begun to make some Motions, as if they would descend into the Valley of Aoste, and by the Way of Iser. The Marshal de Villars causes them to be observ'd, and the Court is easie with respect to the War on that Side, relying on his Capacity. The 14th in the Afternoon, two Couriers arriv'd at Fontenelleau, with an Account of an Action that happen'd the 11th on the side of the Schelde, between a Detachment of the King's Army which had pass'd that River at Gavre, and a Detachment of the Enemy's Army which had also pass'd that River on the Bridge of Audenarde. The Duke of Burgundy writes, that the Fight began about 5 a Clock at Night, and was very sharp; that tho' the Enemy were on Ground full of Hedges, Ditches, and narrow Ways, yet they were driven from several Posts; and that the Night put an End to the Dispute with almost equal Loss: That the Regiment of Guards and that of Piemont suffer'd most; that the Gendarmes did not lose an Inch of Ground; that the Duke of Berry who was at their Head expos'd himself very much; and that the D. of Vendome was every where, and in the thickest of the Fire, having several Officers kill'd or wounded near him. The Duke of Burgundy gave his Orders with great Presence of Mind and Capacity; and the Enemy retreating, the Duke of Vendome was for resting on the Field of Battle; but the Council of War were rather for repassing the Schelde, which was done without any Disorder. 'Tis advis'd that we have taken some Standards and Colours, and a Pair of Kettle-Drums: We expect a more ample Account.

From a Dutch Courant.

Audenarde, July 13. 'One of the Enemy's chief Officers of Dragoons, who was taken Prisoner the 11th, wrote a Letter Yesterday to send it to a Friend in France; it was thought fit to open it, and worth while to take the following Extract out of it.

I can only send you an unwelcome Relation of the particulars of the Battle which happen'd Yesterday about 2 in the Afternoon near Audenarde. 'Twill prove a great Blow to France; for without exaggerating the Matter, we lost above 10000 Men, kill'd, wounded, or taken. The Action was very ill manag'd on our Side; for instead of Attacking the Enemy when they began to pass the Schelde near Audenarde at 11 in the Morning, we let them come over the River quietly, which they would not have adventur'd to do, had we in any tolerable Manner offer'd to Dispute their Passage: But seeing

us stand still, were encourag'd to prosecute their first Design, and begun to pass over 2 Bridges which they had laid. As fast as their Horse and Foot came over they rang'd themselves in Order of Battle against us; and while our Generals were in Suspence what Resolution to take, whether to venture an Engagement or not, the Enemy's Army continued coming over the River, and soon possess'd themselves of some Villages and Hedges: So that at last our Generals were compen'd to endeavour to dislodge them. Accordingly our Infantry advanc'd, and the Ground was disputed 2 or 3 Hours, with a terrible Fire and great Obstinacy on both Sides; but our Foot being tir'd with charging the Enemy 5 or 6 Times, and being dishearten'd to see themselves not supported by our Horse (who could not act because the Ground was full of Inclosures) and press'd hard by the Enemy, were at length forc'd to retire and quit the Ground to them. We Dragoons were oblig'd to endure the continual Fire of the Enemy's Foot and Cannon, without daring to stir, because we were on the Right of the King's Household, who suffer'd as much as we. Towards the Evening we were salien upon by a great Number of the Enemy's Horse, to hinder us from succouring the rest who were put to the Rout; and of 7 Regiments of Dragoons, we lost above Half. At last we saw no other Expedient left, than to force our Way through the Enemy; but first we sent to see whether we could be assist'd in that Design by any of our Forces: In the meantime Night came on apace, and we were inform'd that the King's Household (whose Retreat was cover'd in some Measure by us) were at too great Distance. Things standing thus, our Resolution to break through the Enemy sunk; and some of the Enemy's Adjutants summoning us to yield ourselves Prisoners of War, we submitted to it, seeing no other way to save our Lives. At least 40 of our best Regiments are reduc'd to a wretched Condition, the greatest Part of them being kill'd or taken; so that it will be long before they can be reestablish'd. Of 4 Regiments of the King's Household at least Half are taken Prisoners, and among them are several Persons of Note. The Chevalier de Lonville and 15 other Officers were mortally wounded, and 2 of them are dead since the Battle. The Regiments of Pfiffer and Villars are quite ruin'd: And almost all their Officers are taken, with all their Baggage, &c.

London, July 17.

By the Mails from Holland that arriv'd Yesterday, we receiv'd two written Relations and one printed, of the Victory gain'd near Audenarde, besides what are in the common Prints: But because the Publick have been amply entertain'd already with the chief and most remarkable Particulars of the Action, we choose to avoid any Repetition of those Particulars though related (as Accounts from different Hands always are) with some variation; judging it better to take from those Relations some plain and natural Reflections made on the Conduct of the Generals on both Sides.

The Allies by long and swift Marches, first gain'd the advantageous Camp of Lessines on the Dender; the Enemy had advanc'd as far as Ninove with Design to secure it, but finding they had made a wrong Reckoning of the Time in which the Allies might get thither, and that they had prevented them by their great Diligence, they then hasten'd back to Gavre, and pass'd the Schelde there, designing to march up and possess themselves of the Camp of Pont d'Espiers: But they found themselves out in their Reckoning a second Time; for the Allies with uncommon Expedition sent forward a strong Detachment (with 20 of the largest Pieces of the English Field-Train of

of Artillery and 30 of the Dutch,) to lay Bridges over the Schelde at Audenarde, and some Hours after the whole Army follow'd with all possible Haste. The Detachment arriving at the River, lost 2 Hours by the breaking of one of their Bridges for the Artillery, and in the meantime the Head of the Enemy's Army appear'd: Yet the Horse and Foot of the Detachment of the Allies pass'd the River over Bridges of Pontons, and form'd themselves into Order facing the Enemy. The French Generals instead of taking the Opportunity of falling immediately with superior Force on that Detachment, and thus securing the Passage of the River before the whole Army of the Allies should come up, contented themselves with throwing 10 or 11 Battalions into the Village of Henine and some Hedges, to cover their March, and mov'd on: But the Detachment falling with great boldness on those Battalions, made the Enemy turn agen and apply themselves seriously to the Business which by their Neglect of the first Opportunity now grew heavy upon their Hands; for the Ground not being fit for their Horse to act, their Infantry were not of sufficient Weight to drive back the Allies elevated by their first Success, whose Army being by this Time come up (the latter, because they were in no little Apprehension for their Detachment) crowded over the River, and by acquitting themselves, both Officers and Soldiers, with the greatest Intrepidity and Presence of Mind, (we may almost say to a Man, so hard was it for any one to distinguish himself, as all our Accounts agree,) so stunn'd and cow'd the French; that in the Confusion of the Action and the Darkness of the Night great Numbers, both of their Officers and Men, yielded themselves Prisoners in a most shameful Manner; while on the Side of the Allies, in all that Mingle and Confusion, not two Officers are known to have been taken, and so very few Men that 'tis unaccountable and almost incredible. The Generals of the Allies shew'd their consummate Prudence in their speedy Marches to intercept the Enemy and draw them to an Engagement, and their daring Courage in fastning upon them on any Terms so they could but come to grapple with them; and their Troops acted accordingly, in perfect Order and with the greatest Fortitude. On the other Hand, the Enemy's Generals were not only outdone in Diligence and Forecaſt; but when Action presented, seem'd destitute of Prudence to snatch the Opportunity of striking a Blow in the right Place and Time, and of Courage to tug hard for Victory when they found an Engagement unavoidable: And their Officers and Soldiers acted accordingly. Then agen, after they had lost their Honour, they were very careful to save their Cannon and Baggage; and so retreated to Ghent, instead of making the best of their Way to Lille or to their Lines at Comines. The Generals of the Allies presently foresaw, that should the Duke of Berwick throw himself into those Lines with a sufficient Number of Troops for their Defence, the Enemy's Country behind them would be cover'd and the Retreat of the Duke of Burgundy's Army thither facilitated: And therefore they took Care to sieze those Lines in Time, which they did a few Hours before the Duke of Berwick design'd (as he assur'd the commanding Officer in Warneton by a Letter,) to be there.

Not Acted these 15 Years.

By her Majesty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, on Tuesday next, being the 20th of July, will be Reviv'd a Comedy call'd, *The Successful Strangers*. The parts of Silvio by Mr. Mills, Antonio by Mr. Booth, Carlos by Mr. Husband, Francisco by Mr. Bullock, Lopez by Mr. Norris, Pedro by Mr. Crofs, Sencho by Mr. Pack, Guzman by Mr. Fairbank, Dorothea by Mrs. Porter, Feliciano by Mrs. Bradshaw, Biancha by Miss Norris, Formosa by Mrs. Powell.

This Play is Sold by J. Knapton at the Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard, and B. Lincolne next Nando's Coffee-House, Temple-Bar.

Whereas the Ship Neptune, Henry Vogelsang late Master, from Cremen and bound to London, was cast away near Ostend last Year, and the Goods that were sav'd are since brought over to England, this is to give notice to all Persons concern'd in the said Goods, that he or they forthwith bring in his or their Claims with the Bills of Lading to Mr. Cornelufon at his House in St. Lawrence Pountney-Lane, London, by the 23d Instant, or they will be excluded from any benefit thereby.

Lost the 10th Instant, at or about Putney Bowling Green, a Brilliant Diamond Ring, a Ring of Stone, weighing about 8 Grains, the Inscription on the Inſide of the Ring (John. Cary 1701. 5th of May 1701. ætat. 57.) Whoever has taken it up and brings it to John Howfe in Abchurch-Lane, against Pontacks, shall have 5 Guineas Reward.

Best Coningsberg Poldavis may be bought of John Cormell Linendrapier in Southwark at 16 s. 3 d. per Piece, 'till further notice of another price.

Lately come to Town, and stands at the Red-Hart in Fetter-Lane, a very fine Stone Horse fit for the great Saddle, and a very fine Mare and a Nag, all to be S. 11 a Penny worth.

For SALE by the CANDLE.

On Wednesday the 21st Instant, at Lloyd's Coffee-house in Lombard-street, beginning at 5 of the Clock in the Afternoon, 38 Pipes and 25 Hhds of New Red Wine, and 9 Hhds of new White Muscadine, lately Landed out of the Johnson-Galley from Leghorn. To be seen in Foulk's Buildings in Water-Lane, near the Custom-house, from Monday the 19th Instant, to the Hour of Sale, from 7 to 12, and from 2 till 6. Catalogues may be had at Lloyd's Coffee-house and the Place aforesaid. Sold by J. Styles, Sworn-Broker.

For SALE by the CANDLE.

At the Marine Coffee-house in Birch-Lane, on Thursday the 22d Instant, at 3 a Clock in the Afternoon, 43 Chests of China Raw Silk, 3 Bales of Sherbaff, 4 Chests of Cantow, 4 Bags of Bologna, 3 ditto of Bengal, 20 Casks of Gum-Seneca, 50 Bags of Roach Alomy, and 7 Bags of Goats Wooll. To be seen at the Out-ropers-Office on the Royal Exchange till the time of Sale.

FOR SALE by the CANDLE.

On Wednesday the 28th Instant, will be expos'd to Sale at Lloyd's Coffee-house in Lombard-street, at 4 a Clock in the Afternoon precisely, 38 whole Chests of new Florence Wine, an intire Parcel, lately imported. To be seen from Saturday the 24th Instant to the Time of Sale, in a Cellar in Love-Lane near Billingsgate, above the Rose Ale-house. Sold by Francis Camfield, Sworn-Broker.

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Anne Powel, living in Drury-Lane next Door to the Sign of the 3 Shoes, over-against Parker's-Lane, Cures all Ladies and Gentlewomen after the newest Manner; on which Occasion she either does it at her own House, or Waits on them at their Lodgings. She hath a rare Secret to take away Pimples and Redness of the Face, and render the Skin smooth and natural, tho' they have continu'd so some Years. She also Cures Children of Ruptures and Broken-bellies without Trusses: And likewise her own Sex of what Age soever. Note, There is a Blue Board with Gold Letters over the Door.

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